GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:121
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2016
Supply of Fertilizers
Chavda Shri Vinod

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is considerable time lag between indented demand and actual supply of fertilizers and is so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers demanded and supplied to the States during 2015- 16 and projected for the current year, state-wise;

(c) whether the quantity of fertilizers supplied is not adequate to meet the requirement of the States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

*(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121* TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2016 REGARDING "SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS".
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(a): No, Madam. The demand of fertilizers is assessed by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) before the commencement of each cropping season after consultation with all the State Governments. After assessment of requirement, DAC&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers. Department of Fertilizers ensures availability at State level according to the projected month-wise requirement. Statements showing the month-wise requirement, availability and sales of major chemical fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP,MOP,& NPK in the year 2015-16(April 2015 to March,2016) is at Annexure A.

It can be seen from these statements that the availability of fertilizers in every month was adequate against the requirement and sales, thus there has been no time lag in fulfilling the demand.

(b) & (c): The quantum of fertilizers demanded and supplied to the States during 2015-16 is at Annexure-B.

DAC&FW has already assessed the requirement of fertilizers for the ongoing Kharif-2016 Season and the projected requirement is at Annexure-C. Requirement for Rabi 2016-17 is to be assessed by DAC&FW in due course.

(d): Government has taken following steps to ensure availability as per requirement.

(1) On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability through following system:-

(i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

(ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

(iii) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

(iv) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through import. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability.

(v) Further, before the start of the season about 21.36 LMT of urea was prepositioned in the States. Due to the above efforts

Department of Fertilizers has ensured availability of fertilizers in all States; however, distribution within the State as per requirement is the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

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